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FOLLOWING USUN 4505 SENT STATE RPT TO YOU QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR UN UR US XF  
SUBJ: UNTSO: US AND USSR MILITARY OBSERVERS

REF: USUN 4457

1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS TODAY NOVEMBER 6  
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL  
URQUHART TOLD US THEY UNDERSTAND THAT CHINESE ARE  
PREPARING TO CHALLENGE ASSIGNMENT OF US AND SOVIET OBSERVERS  
TO UNTSO. IN EVENT SC MEETING SHOULD DEVELOP IN NEXT DAY  
OR SO (SEE USUN 4501), THIS COULD WELL BE FORUM CHINESE  
WOULD CHOOSE FOR ATTACK ON "SUPER POWER" RIVALRY IN MIDDLE  
EAST AND COMPETITIVE MANEUVERING. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO  
ENVISAGE BITTER CHINESE ATTACK, WITH SOME NON-ALIGNEDS  
CHIMING IN AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE UNFRIENDLY TO US-SOVIET  
PARTICIPATING IN UNTSO.

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2. AS USUN UNDERSTANDS IT, USG WAS NEVER ENTHUSIASTIC  
OVER US AND SOVIET PLAYING ROLE IN UNTSO; AND AGREEMENT TO  
SHARE PARTICIPATION WAS COMPROMISE WITH SOVIET DEMANDS,

PRECIPATED BY UNILATERAL SOVIET DISPATCH OF ITS OBSERVERS.  
UN SECRETARIAT UPSET OVER INCLUSION SOVIETS IN FORMERLY  
IMPARTIAL UNTSO ON GROUNDS OPERATION WILL INEVITABLY  
BE POLITICIZED AND MORE OBSERVERS NOT NEEDED IN ANY  
EVENT.

3. IN EVENT CHINESE DO MAKE ISSUE OF MATTER, WE SEE  
ADVANTAGE FOR US IF WE WERE IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO  
CRITICISM IN SECURITY COUNCIL OR ELSEWHERE WITH SIMPLE  
STATEMENT THAT US NEVER SOUGHT SERVICE IN UNTSO AND  
WOULD BE GLAD TO FOREGO PARTICIPATION IF IN SC OPINION US  
AND USSR, OR POSSIBLY ALL PERMANENT MEMBERS SHOULD  
STAND BACK AND ESCHEW ROLE IN UNTSO. SUCH POSTURE BY US  
WOULD SERVE BEST INTERESTS OF UNTSO, WOULD MAKE US POINTS  
WITH NON-ALIGNED AND WOULD PLACE SOVIETS IN DILEMMA AND  
EXPOSE THEIR MANEUVERING. STUMBLING BLOCK COULD BE SOVIET  
INSISTENCE THAT APPROXIMATELY 110 OBSERVERS FROM OTHER NATO  
MEMBERS BE WITHDRAWN.

4. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE ABOVE OUTLINED POSITION.  
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